



MIAMI BEACH

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: January 30, 2006

SUBJECT: CRIME STATISTICS ANNUAL UCR PART I CRIMES REPORTED FOR 2005

This letter to the Commission is to inform the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach Uniform Crime Report (UCR) statistics for Part I Crimes as indexed annually, for the year of 2005. Part I Crimes include Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Thefts.

Overall, Part I Crimes decreased significantly in year 2005 by 10.89% from 2004. This follows a steady decline in Part I Crimes since 2000. Some highlights from the comparison of 2004 to 2005 Part I UCR Report are the noted below:

Homicides	decreased 62.50%
Robberies	decreased 11.97%
Aggravated Assaults	decreased 4.51%
Burglaries	decreased 5.92%
Larcenies	decreased 11.03%
Auto Thefts	decreased 20.18%
Sexual Batteries	increased 19.23%

This dramatic decline in reported crime is directly attributed to the enforcement initiatives implemented by the Patrol and Criminal Investigation Divisions to target short term crime trends. These initiatives, with the deployment of a 4th shift of high profile bicycle patrol, and the utilization of the Special Events Volunteer Response Team contributed to this downward trend. One of our most successful enforcement initiative was "Operation G.R.I.P." (Grab Robberies in Progress) was designed to prevent robberies or apprehend robbers as soon as they commit the crime. This proactive measure was deployed in the entertainment area of the South District and utilized a combination of undercover detectives and uniform officers. Operation G.R.I.P. led to multiple arrests and an immediate decline in the number of robberies. In addition, several narcotic reverse sting operations were conducted by the Strategic Investigations Unit during Springfest and Memorial Day Weekend which resulted in multiple arrests and the confiscation of illegal drugs.

Although overall Part I Crime is down, rapes increased by 19.23%. In the majority of these 62 cases, (92% of the cases), the subject was known to the victim. There were also 6 cases involving strangers. It is important to note that the number of rapes involving strangers dropped from 24% of rapes reported in 2004 to 8% of rapes reported in 2005. In a proactive effort to curb these crimes, Criminal Investigations Unit detectives actively participated in the Sexual Offender Apprehension Program. This program monitored the activities of sexual predators and offenders who are current or former residents of Miami Beach. To date, none of these offenders were reported to be involved in sex crimes. The Domestic Violence Unit

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also provided public information and education during Spring Break and focused on sexual crime prevention in the Entertainment District and other areas of the City. As a result, there was a notable decline in reported rapes during Spring Break. We will continue with these programs and other initiatives to proactively curb the crime of rape.

During 2006 the Miami Beach Police Department will continue to take a proactive and innovative approach to curbing crime by effectively implementing and deploying personnel resources based on timely crime analysis.

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